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May 3, 1977

To Chairman George McGovern

In response to your letter of April 19, I wish to assure you of Executive Branch cooperation with the investigation of your Subcommittee on International Operations concerning the Foreign Agents Registration Act and related matters. I share your concern that there be appropriate laws and regulations to govern foreign activities in this country.

Sincerely,

The Honorable George S. McGovern Chairman, Subcommittee on International Operations United States Schate Washington, D. C. 20510 And Continued to the continued of the co

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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

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April 19, 1977

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Dear Mr. President:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you concerning an investigation now being initiated by the Subcommittee on International Operations, and to request that you direct the appropriate Executive Branch agencies to cooperate fully with the Subcommittee's efforts.

The focus of the Subcommittee's study is the Foreign Agents Registration Act, which is the basic U.S. law governing foreign-sponsored activity in this country aimed at influencing U. S. Government policy. To carry out its provisions, the Justice Department's Criminal Division runs a Foreign Agents Registration Unit. Last year, a preliminary investigation by the Foreign Relations Committee indicated serious deficiencies in the current law and its implementation. At the same time, new evidence has developed that a particular kind of foreign-sponsored activity not covered by the law also requires careful scruting: operations in this country by foreign intelligence agencies directed at the surveillance, harrassment, and intimidation of private persons, usually foreign nationals. With this purview, it is the Subcommittee's intention to conduct a purposeful investigation directed toward the enactment of new legislation -- a revised version of the Foreign Agents Registration Act -- which would establish appropriate laws and regulations to govern all such foreign-sponsored activity.

Recognizing the sensitivity surrounding the operations of foreign intelligence agencies in this country, I can, as chairman of the Subcommittee, assure you that this investigation will be conducted with extreme circumspection, that all necessary precautions will be taken to safeguard intelligence sources and methods, and that the Subcommittee will make every effort to avoid anything resembling an executive-legislative confrontation. Our purpose is to enact sound legislation which protects the integrity of the U.S. Government decision-making process and which safeguards the privacy and individual liberty of all who reside in the United States, U.S. citizen and foreign national alike.

The President
The White House

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pursuant to this letter, I shall notify the heads of the appropriate agencies -- including the CIA, the NSA; and the Justice and State Departments -- concerning the Subcommittee's investigation and shall ask that they cooperate fully. In the meantime, I respectfully request that you direct that such cooperation be forthcoming.

Sincerely yours,

George McGovern

Chairman, Subcommittee on International Operations

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Remarks: See the DCI's note on the attached buck slip. Senator McGovern's letter was addressed to the Director, CIA, and asked for an Agency rep to be named. LC has responded naming Cary, and we will advise DCI of this action as the letter goes to him

for signature. You may wish to comment re DCI's desire to 2637 (7.76) control NSA role.

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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

May 6, 1977

NORVILL JONES, CHIEF OF STAFF ARTHUR M. KUHL, CHIEF CLERK

The Honorable Stansfield Turner Director, Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

On April 19 I wrote the President to request executive branch cooperation concerning an investigation being undertaken by the Subcommittee on International Operations. A copy of this letter, which describes the investigation more fully, is enclosed. On May 3 the President wrote that such cooperation will be forthcoming; that letter is also enclosed.

The purpose of this letter is to request that you designate an officer of your Agency to serve as liaison with the Subcommittee for the purposes of this investigation. The primary responsibility of this person will be to arrange for interviews and testimony with appropriate persons from your Agency and to secure documents relevant to matters arising during the course of the investigation. The Committee's Legal Counsel, Mike Glennon, will serve as your contact with the Subcommittee on matters relating to the activities of foreign intelligence agencies in this country and foreign-sponsored surveillance, harrassment or intimidation of private persons. Dave Keaney of the Committee staff will serve as your contact on matters relating to efforts by foreign interests to influence official U.S. Government policy. Requests of the Subcommittee for testimony, interviews, documents and other assistance will be made through them.

I reiterate what I told the President: that the investigation will be conducted with extreme circumspection, that all necessary precautions will be taken to safeguard intelligence sources and methods, and that the Subcommittee will make every effort to avoid anything resembling an executive-legislative confrontation.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

George McGovern

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